

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An image forming apparatus containing a plurality of replaceable components; comprising:

a non-volatile memory for storing a total print copy number updated each time a prescribed number of print copies are made, and a subsequent replacement schedule of copy number for each component; and

a controller for judging ~~the lifespan of whether~~ each component should be replaced on the basis of a comparison between when said total print copy number is equal to or greater than and said corresponding subsequent replacement schedule copy number of each component,

wherein, when one of the components is replaced, the subsequent replacement schedule copy number for said component as stored in said non-volatile memory is updated to a value obtained by adding a lifespan copy number previously determined for said component to the total print copy number at the time of replacement.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): An image forming apparatus containing a plurality of replaceable components; comprising:

a non-volatile memory for storing a total printing time updated each time a prescribed printing time period has elapsed, and a subsequent replacement schedule time period for each component; and

a controller for judging whether the lifespan of each component should be replaced on the basis of a comparison between when said total printing time is equal to or greater than and said corresponding subsequent replacement schedule time period of each component,

wherein, when one of the components is replaced, the subsequent replacement schedule time period for said component as stored in said non-volatile memory is updated to a value obtained by adding a lifespan time period previously determined for said component to the total printing time at the time of replacement.

Claim 4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Original): The image forming apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said component is a print unit, a toner cartridge, a fixing unit, or a belt.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The image forming apparatus according to claim 1 ~~2~~, wherein said component is a print unit, a toner cartridge, a fixing unit, or a belt.